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SUBJECT: RESUMED SESSION OF CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARY DELEGATIONS
(CPD) FOR NAOS

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REF: GENEVA 6758 AND 6797

1. IN REVIEWING THE PRELIMINARY WORK OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE,
QUESTIONS WERE RAISED REGARDING THE ARTICLES OF THE AGREEMENT ON
DENUNCIATION. A LONG DISCUSSION ENSUED, PARTICIPATED IN BY IRELAND,
ITALY, BELGIUM AND FRANCE. THE QUESTION HAD TO DO WITH THE OBLIGATIONS

OF MEMBERS TO CONTINUE TO PAY AMORTIZATION COSTS OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT,
EVEN AFTER THEY HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGREEMENT.

2. AT THE VERY END OF THE DISCUSSION, AFTER THE MEETING APPEARED TO
HAVE AGREED TO THE PROPOSALS, THE SOVIET UNION SAID THAT THEY DID NOT
UNDERSTAND THIS ARTICLE AND ASKED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF IT.

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THEY SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, INCLUD-

ING POLITICAL REASONS, FOR A PARTICIPATING COUNTRY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AGREEMENT. IT SEEMED UNACCEPTABLE THAT THEY SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE PAYEMENTS TO THE AMORTIZATION OF SHIPS OPERATING UNDER THE

AGREEMENT. THEY RESERVED THEIR POSITON ON THIS MATTER FOR LATER DISCUSSION.

3. AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS SAID THEY REGARDED THIS INTERVENTION AS A POTENTIALLY SERIOUS PROBLEM, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A PROPOSAL ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION TO INCLUDE UNDER THE AGREEMENT AMORTIZATION OF THEIR OWN SHIPS AS WELL. IF THIS WERE DONE, THE TOTAL COSTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT WOULD LIKELY EXCEED THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE PRESENT PARTICIPANTS. THIS QUESTION IS EXPECTED TO COME UP AGAIN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, WHEN THE REPORT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSIDERED.
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